

HALF HOLIDAYS ON SATURDAYS TO BE ASKED BY LABOR UNIONS

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ASK HIGHER WAGES

BUILDING TRADES TO DEMAND
WEEKDAY REST UNDER NEW
AGREEMENTS SOON TO BE
DRAWN UP AND PRESENTED
CONTRACTORS.

Half holidays on Saturdays, in addition to salary increases, will be demanded by the majority of the Building Trades' Council at the expiration of their present contracts and before new agreements are signed according to statements made today by chiefs of the various labor organizations.

Plumbers' Union.
A leader of the Plumbers' Union stated to a Free Trader-Journal reporter this morning that the agreement with the plumbers and their employers would expire on April 1. "We have made no definite plans as yet to continue under the same working conditions and I am not in a position to give out a statement on the matter."

"I understand there has been some talk of having Saturday afternoons off. I do not know what the plans are on this proposition."

"We usually work while arbitration is going on."

Carpenter's Union.
A Carpenter's official said, "Our contracts with contractors will expire on May 1, instead of April 1. Our agreements are supposed to be reached by February 15. We will ask for sixty cents per hour, an increase of ten cents over our present scale. The proposition of not working Saturday afternoons was voted down by our union. I do not know just what will be done on the subject."

Painter's Union.
A leader of the Painter's union stated: "We have made no definite arrangements for the amount of an increase we shall ask. Our present scale calls for fifty cents, but we shall ask for a raise. We will vote on the subject Saturday evening. We shall also ask for Saturday afternoons as half holidays. Our agreement should have reached the contractors before this. Everything is supposed to be settled by February 15."

Laborer's Union.
An officer of the Laborer's union stated that a meeting would be held on or about February 15, at which time all agreements must be made by the working men before the old contract expires. In regard to Saturday afternoons off no definite steps have been taken.

Bricklayer's Union.
A Bricklayer's union leader stated today that the union would ask for an increase of five cents an hour over their present scale of seventy cents. Their agreement with contractors expires on May 1 and the employers must be given a sixty day notice. The Bricklayers will also ask for Saturday afternoons as half holidays.

MRS. PATRICK RIORDAN IS CALLED TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Patrick Riordan, prominent North Ottawa lady, died this morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence at 133 Jones street. The deceased has been ailing for some time, but was taken to her bed only a few weeks ago. Her demise is attributed to a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Riordan was born in Kilmory, county Kerry, Ireland, August 7, 1865, and came to this country with her brother, when a young girl. For a time she resided in New York, later moving to Belvidere, Illinois, and thence to Ottawa. Her marriage to Patrick Riordan occurred in 1890.

Mrs. Riordan has been a resident of Ottawa for the past twenty-seven years. She was held in the highest esteem by her friends and neighbors. She was a kind and loving mother and was a devout member of St. Columba church.

Surviving to mourn her loss she leaves her husband, Patrick and three sons—Daniel, Thomas and Joseph, all of this city.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

LOCAL CAR CRASHES INTO R. I. FREIGHT

MOTORMAN HOWARD CLAYTON
HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM
SERIOUS INJURY IN COLLISION
THIS MORNING.

Howard Clayton, motorman of car No. 11 on the local line of the N. I. L. & T. Co., and Frank Lewis, another employee, narrowly escaped death this morning at 9:25 o'clock when a north bound Columbus street car crashed into a switch engine at the Columbus street crossing on the Rock Island.

The front part of the car was completely demolished. Clayton's escape from a fatal accident was nothing short of a miracle. Failure of the brakes to work properly and their being unable to hold his car in check because of the slippery condition of the tracks is attributed as the cause of the accident.

The gates were down at the crossing at the time of the accident. Clayton, traveling at a rather slow rate of speed, pulled up with the intention of stopping, but instead the momentum carried him on into the slow moving switch train, tearing down the gates. The car jumped the track.

It was taken to the barns this morning at 10:25 o'clock after it had been righted on the tracks. Traffic for points north of the Rock Island tracks was delayed for over an hour.

TWO-CENT LAW ATTACKED BY RAILROADS OF ILLINOIS

Arguments were started yesterday before Federal Judge Evans, Landis and Carpenter, sitting en banc, by the railroads of Illinois, who are attempting to get an injunction against the state restraining the enforcement of the 2 cent a mile passenger law of 1907.

T. J. Noron, general counsel of the Santa Fe railroad, stated the case for the twenty-eight carriers yesterday. Joseph W. Folk, appeared as attorney for the interstate commerce commission.

Raising their case upon the theory that where there is a difference between a state and an interstate rate, the interstate rate holds, the railroads are attempting to smash the 2 cents a mile law and raise the rates in Illinois to 24 cents, a rate prescribed by the interstate body as a reasonable charge.

ICE HARVEST COMPLETED; 10,000 TONS IN HOUSES

The ice harvest on the Illinois & Michigan canal was completed here last evening when the three large houses in West Ottawa were filled with 10,000 tons of "hard water."

The work of filling the three beer houses requiring about 1,000 tons, was started this morning. Only a few men will be needed in this work and the task will be finished in five days.

"We harvested the finest crop of ice in years," said J. L. Pano to a Free Trader-Journal reporter this morning.

DEFECTIVE CHIMNEY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BLAZE

The fire department was called to 737 Walnut street this morning at 9:15 o'clock when a defective chimney caused a small blaze on the roof of the house. The fire was extinguished by the use of chemicals. A loss of \$25 will be sustained by the owner of the property, Joseph Cay.

MISS JESSIE HILTON IS BRIDE OF ALBERT PFAU

The marriage of Miss Jessie Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hilton, of 219 DeLeon street, and Albert Pfauf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pfauf, of Bloomington road, occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor of the First Baptist church officiated at the services which was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the young couple.

Mr. Pfauf and his bride left on a honeymoon trip to Chicago and will be at home to their friends after January 15th.

BIG NAVAL DEMONSTRATION TO MARK TAKING OVER OF DANISH WEST INDIES



Photos by American Press Association.

Plans for a great naval demonstration to celebrate the American acquisition of the Danish West Indies are being considered by state and navy department officials. Probably the entire Atlantic fleet, headed by the flagship Pennsylvania (No. 4 in the picture) and commanded by Admiral Mayo (No. 1), will be ordered to St. Thomas.

Thomas (No. 3), the long-horned naval base, to participate in the demonstration. Minister Bruns of Denmark formally advised the state department that the treaty for the sale of the islands had been approved by King Christian and would be dispatched from Copenhagen on Dec. 31. It should reach here two weeks later for Secretary Lansing's signature.

The Atlantic fleet will mobilize at Guantanamo, Cuba, for winter maneuvers in January, and will be reviewed there by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt (No. 2 in picture). Mr. Roosevelt, who will be on his way to inspect the naval forces in Hayti and San Domingo, may take charge of the ceremonies at St. Thomas.

BIG TASK AHEAD FOR GRAND JURY

FORTY CASES ARE UPON RECORDS OF STATE'S ATTORNEY
GEORGE S. WILEY—ONE MURDER AMONG THEM.

With forty cases already upon his docket that require investigation State's Attorney George S. Wiley and corps of assistants, including deputies from the sheriff's office, are making ready for the January session of the grand jury, which meets in Ottawa next Monday.

Subpoenas are being served upon witnesses and the outlook now is that when the legislative body assembles to assume its august duties there will be enough work on hand to keep the members busy for six solid days. There is a belief in some official circles that the sessions may be extended into the week of January 15 before all the forty cases are disposed of and bills voted or rejected.

Only One Murder.

A majority of the crimes to be investigated are classified as petty up on the court docket. Robberies, larceny and other law violations come under this classification. One murder is a prisoner at the La Salle county jail and his case will be looked into by the jurors. As he has confessed to the police of having committed the crime charged against him there is little doubt but that indictments will be found against him.

He is Sam Richardson, Streator negro, who shot down in cold blood Jess Yarborough one afternoon in November after a dice game in which the dead man was the loser. Richardson and Yarborough gambled in a Main street pool room and the game ended in a quarrel. Richardson drew a knife upon his opponent, but had it wrested from him.

He then left the room and walked to the nearest hardware store where he purchased a revolver. Walking back to where Yarborough stood in a doorway he offered his hand in friendship, and as the latter reached to accept the proffer, he pulled the revolver and shot him dead. He was captured trying to make his getaway upon an outgoing Streator freight.

EXTRA

MANY CHILDREN PERISH IN
CYCLONE.

Mukogee, Okla.—A rural school house situated between Clocker and Krebs, in McIntosh county, Oklahoma, was blown away today by a cyclone. Between 15 and 20 children perished, according to reports reaching the postmaster at Clocker. A private dispatch to McClester, 12 miles away, advises many were injured, six bodies were counted in the ruins. According to a farmer living two miles south of Featherstone.

TEN MINERS ESCAPE DEATH AFTER EXPLOSION.

Dillon, Mont., Jan. 4.—Ten miners, imprisoned by the explosion of a gasoline engine on the 400 foot level of the Pittsburg Mine in which 2 men were killed, were none the worse today following their rescue after several hours' underground. The dead men are Frank and Jack Thomas and a man named Lester.

FOREIGN MINISTER IN BERLIN FOR CONFERENCE.

Rome, Jan. 4.—According to the newspaper Corriere D'Italia, the foreign ministers of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are assembling in Berlin for a conference with the German foreign minister.

DYNAMITE BLAST BLOWS UP ST. LOUIS HOUSE.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—Dynamite explosion imperilled the lives of nine persons, routed forty Italians from their flats and partly wrecked the home of Paul Muravito on Shaw avenue here today. The blast shattered many windows in the neighborhood. The police captured a suspect, Francisco Scaffidi. In his pocket was found a loaded revolver. He said he was a son-in-law of Muravito, but refused to explain further.

Peet Had Right Idea.

Matthew Arnold, discussing the popularity of his own dog poems, said that while comparatively few loved poetry, nearly everyone loved dogs. And Matthew Arnold was right.

BEWARE OF GRIPPE; HUNDREDS ILL HERE

PHYSICIANS ARE KEPT BUSY
CARING FOR PATIENTS—COLD
WEATHER WILL RELIEVE THE
SITUATION.

This is not a medicine ad!
Beware of that head La Grippe. To day in hundreds of homes of the city people are confined with this illness owing to the mild, balmy weather and the fact that proper care was not exercised. Wet feet, from the slushy streets is indirectly as the cause of many cases of sickness.

The malady this year appears to be worse than it was last year. Thus far, however, none of the cases developed have been of very serious nature. The fact, however, that the grip is very contagious is putting many people on their guard.

Physicians Busy.
Ottawa physicians have been kept on the go during the last few days attending to their patients.

Scores of school children are confined to their homes with the illness. As a general rule a person recovers from the illness in four or five days and it usually occurs that every member of a family contracts the sick news.

Cold weather, it is said, will drive the head, Grippe, away.

FRANKIE IZZO WILL AGAIN SEEK LAURELS IN ARENA

Frankie Izzo, of Chicago, formerly of La Salle, the smallest bricklayer in the world, standing just 49 inches in his stocking feet, has laid aside the trowel and leve to announce that he is returning to the ring. For three years he has been boxing with fair success, but lately he has been recuperating from illness.

Izzo's first bout probably will be with Johnny Coulon, former bantam-weight champion, who has agreed to make some kind of weight for him. Then Izzo is going after that Jimmy White belt emblematic of the fly-weight championship.

ENTENTE REPLY TO WILSON BEING STUDIOUSLY PLANNED

FARMERS WILL NOT HOLD OTTAWA MEET

DECIDE TO ABANDON INSTITUTE
THAT MEMBERS MAY ATTEND
STREATOR GATHERING—DAY-
TON CLUB ONE-DAY SESSION.

With the exceptions of a one-day meeting to be held under the auspices of the Dayton Improvement Association, Ottawa this year will not have its annual Farmer's Institute. In courtesy to the Illinois Farmer's Institute, which will be held in Streator February 21-23 directors of the county organization decided to abandon the Ottawa meetings so that their members could attend the larger gathering.

The Institute of the Dayton Club gives promise of being an exceptionally instructive and interesting one. The program is now being arranged and according to leaders of the association, will be formally announced in a few days. The date of the gathering has been set at January 31 at the Gayety theatre. There will be sessions during the afternoon and evening.

Plan Streator Meet.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the meeting of the parent body at Streator. Mrs. H. A. McKeon, secretary of the association, who became well known in Ottawa at the time the state convention was held here, was in Streator yesterday making preliminary arrangements for the congress.

The first day of the meeting, on Wednesday, February 21, will be devoted to social festivity. Dr. C. C. Hopkins of Illinois university will speak on this subject, as well as Prof. George Robert, of Kentucky, university.

The afternoon of this day will be devoted to matters pertaining to farming, which will be handled by Prof. H. A. Harding, of the University of Illinois, and by Prof. A. J. Glover, of Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

Crop Production.

On Thursday, February 22, crop production will be the chief thing for consideration. An address on this subject will be made by F. I. Mann of Gilman; an address on corn will be made by Walter Rowe, of Decatur; an address on wheat by Ralph Allen, of Delevan; an address on barley by the Hon. A. N. Abbott, of Morrison, and an address on oats by Frank H. Demaree, county adviser, of Grundy county.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to live stock problems. Speeches will be made by W. W. Wright, of Toulon, and by Prof. B. E. Carmichael, of Wooster, O. Local speakers will also discuss this subject.

W. W. Diehl, of Naperville, will talk on "Community Building." On Friday there will be a talk on road roads by S. E. Bradt, of De Kalb; and an address on banker-farmer relations, by the Hon. John M. Krebs, of Carmi; an address on usefulness of bees and value of honey in diet, by C. E. Badant, of Hamilton, and W. J. Lawrence, of Fulton; and a lecture on poultry, by J. P. Gilbert, of Carbondale.

On Wednesday and Thursday evening both the women and men can attend the meetings, when Mrs. Christine Fredericks, of Greenlawn, L. I. will speak.

SEEK RELATIVES OF MAN WHO DIED AT COUNTY FARM

Warden Lawrence Morrissey is seeking relatives or friends of Richard Trenary, who died New Year's day at the tuberculosis sanatorium at the county farm. Trenary came to this country from England a few years ago and worked at the La Salle cement mills until last summer, when he secured employment in De Pue. There he was taken ill and he was removed to the county sanatorium. He is between 25 and 40 years old, and the authorities are holding the body at the county farm in the hope of locating some of his kin.

DR. PETTIT SPEAKS BEFORE BUREAU CO. MEDIC SOCIETY

Dr. Roswell Pettit is in Spring Valley today, where he is one of the principal speakers before the meeting of the Bureau County Medical Society. Dr. Pettit's topic will be "Focal Infection."

GREAT IMPORTANCE PLACED UPON ANSWER OF ALLIES TO U.S.

LOTGE ATTACKS NOTE

SENATOR ASSAILS PRESIDENT
FOR USING OFFICES TO PROMOTE
PEACE AMONG WARRING
NATIONS.

LOTGE ATTACKS PEACE NOTE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Lodge, Mass., renewed his attack on President Wilson's peace note immediately after the senate convened this afternoon.

He made a minor correction in his translation of Ambassador von Bernstorff's statement approving the president's peace note: "just to be perfectly accurate in this pleasing parallel between the Star of Bethlehem and the president's note," he explained. "When we abandon our traditional policy of separation we take a very great step and one which should not be taken without a very thorough knowledge of the distance we will be invited to go," he said.

STUDY OVER REPLY.

London, Jan. 4.—The delay of the entente powers in answering the peace initiative of President Wilson is accepted as proof of the tremendous importance they attach to it.

The Reuter Telegram company put out the following dispatch relative to the contents of the reply: "The note will be more positive than the reply to Germany and is expected to indicate in more precise fashion the only preliminaries upon which the allies are prepared to negotiate."

In again going over the ground of the responsibility for the war it is likely that the allies will emphasize the only possible terms for peace, thus contrasting sharply with the German note which purposely was of a negative character.

It is reported that the document has been slightly changed from the original draft and that it will not be made public until the official text is in the hands of the American executive.

There has been great difficulty in framing a collective answer, it is said, because of the varying objects of the nations making up the entente war alliance. However, it is pointed out, the fundamental aims of the allied countries are identical.

A sensation has been caused in political circles by a series of Washington dispatches to the Morning Post. These convey the intimation that President Wilson is determined to bring about peace even if he has to resort to certain measures that he has thus far studiously avoided.

British newspapers print laudatory articles of the stand taken by the Spanish government upon the Wilson note. They express the view, the Spaniards have held with strict neutrality and with a clear understanding of the principles involved in the struggle.

OTTAWA BANKING AND TRUST RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ottawa Banking & Trust Company was held on January 2, 1917, at the directors' room of the bank, and the following directors were elected:

M. P. Trumbo, M. C. Hodgson, Walter F. Weese, Geo. O. Grover, W. E. Prichard, P. M. Campbell, L. W. Merrihield, H. L. Arnold, L. W. Johnson. The board immediately organized and elected as officers: H. W. Johnson, president, W. E. Prichard, vice president, George O. Grover, cashier, W. A. Johnson, assistant cashier, Henry L. Arnold, secretary.

TWENTY-TWO WOMEN AND CHILDREN DROWN.

London, Jan. 4.—Twenty-two women and children were drowned by the sinking of a ferry boat on the Moselle river near Belfort, according to a Central news dispatch from Amsterdam today.

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